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THE DEPOT MATTER.

Having failed in the recent effort to get a mass meeting of citizens to consider the Southern's plans for the Lancaster depot, the town council itself has taken some action in the matter. Probably realizing that it is now rather late to get any radical changes made in the Southern's plans, the company already having a force of hands at work on the old building, the council, at a meeting last Friday evening, passed a resolution asking the Southern to make some suggested improvements in its present plans. The resolution is as follows:

"Resolved by the Town Council, in session assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Southern R. R. Co., in constructing its depot at this place, be requested to provide white and colored waiting rooms, each not less than 29 feet (along side the track) by 16½ feet (fronting Main street) with toilet closets for the ladies. The said waiting rooms to be finished up on the inside in the style and manner indicated in Mr. Heather's letter to the Railroad Commission. Also, that a shed of suitable size be constructed at the West end of said passenger rooms for the protection of baggage and the convenience and comfort of the traveling public."

The request of Council is such a reasonable one, and the improvements asked for so essential, that we confidently expect prompt compliance on the part of the railroad company.

THE LYNCHING EPIDEMIC

The action of the Baptist Association of Spartanburg in condemning lynching cannot be too strongly commended. It would be well for other religious organizations to follow the good example thus set. General action in the matter by the various churches or associations of churches in the state would doubtless greatly aid in building up a healthy public sentiment against mob law.

All the work, however, of cultivating the mind of the people

respect for the majesty and supremacy of the laws of the land should not be left to the good church members. Law-abiding citizens generally should lend a helping hand, and especially should the pulpit and press redouble their efforts to promote better conditions in the state.

It has often occurred to us that the colored preachers could, if they would but make the right kind of effort, do more to stop lynching than possibly any other class of citizens. The low, ignorant type of negro—the kind that commits rape—rarely if ever sees a newspaper; he knows little or nothing of what is going on in other communities and in other states; he never hears of the swift punishment meted out elsewhere to brutes of his class who criminally assault white women; he therefore has no idea of the certain death that awaits him in the event he commits such crime. But it is in the power of the colored preachers to open his eyes, to impress upon him the enormity and heinousness of the offense of putting his vile hands on a white woman and the inevitable consequence to him personally in case he does so.

Lynching for rape is responsible for lynching for other crimes, and there is every reason to believe that when the commission of that awful offense against womanhood shall cease lynching for any cause will become a thing of the past.

The action of Council in relation to dogs will meet with general approval in the community. The fact that a number of dogs in town are known to have been bitten by the mad dog that recently bit Policeman Riddle made it necessary for council to adopt decisive measures for the protection of the public. The people can not afford to take any chances with mad dogs or dogs suspected of being affected with rabies. One human life, especially that of somebody's darling child, is of infinitely more value than all the dogs in the state. It is to be hoped that all owners of dogs will heartily cooperate with the authorities in the enforcement of the new ordinance, which is published in today's News.

White Woman Makes Grave Charge Against Young Man in Aiken.

Aiken special in Monday's State: A young white man by the name of Prince Barton was brought here early this morning and placed in jail charged with committing an assault upon Mrs. Mattie Bryant, who is said to be a divorced woman of Graniteville. According to Mrs. Bryant, she had never seen Barton prior to last night. She says Barton came to her house last night while she was at a neighbor's. Some of the people in her house called her home, saying that Barton was a nice young man. She agreed to accompany him to an ice cream festival. Mrs. Bryant says that shortly after leaving the house Barton made an attack upon her, throwing her to the ground. She resisted as best she could, and screamed for help. Some people nearby ran to her assistance, but Barton fled before they arrived.

Fine Cotton

Mr. L. C. Lazenby's Experiment with Deep Ploughing and Heavy Fertilization.

Mr. L. C. Lazenby drove us Monday morning over to see his cotton patch near St. Paul's church, and it was indeed a sight well worth seeing. Although the cotton has been topped, the stalks now average over five feet high and the limbs are so closely lapped between the rows that the lot presents the appearance of having been sown broadcast.—The cotton was not planted until late—May 29th, but every stalk appears well developed and literally loaded with fruit.

The remarkably fine growth is due namely to two facts: thorough preparation of soil before planting and heavy fertilization. The ground was first well broken up with a two-horse plow and then harrowed. On the lot, which contains 1½ acres, 1200 pounds of the Kershaw fertilizer were applied before planting, and about the first of July 800 pounds more of the same kind of fertilizer were applied alongside the cotton, making altogether one ton used. That looks like heavy fertilizing for this section, but the present indications are that it will pay handsomely. The only disadvantage under which the crop is laboring is the fact that the rows are too close together, not being much over four feet apart, when, to accommodate such a rank weed, they should be six feet.—But after making liberal allowance for the loss likely to ensue from the density of the growth, the yield will no doubt be at the rate of two bales to the acre.

Mr. Lazenby is so well pleased with his this year's experiment in deep plowing and heavy manuring that he will plant twenty acres of cotton in the same way next year.

Negro Lynched in Louisiana --Confessed to Attempting Criminal Assault.

Calhoun, La., August 27.—Alfred Schaufneit, a negro, was lynched here at 10 o'clock today by a mob, for attempting to criminally assault Miss Olive Chambers, a prominent young woman of this place, at an early hour this morning. Schaufneit was frightened by the screams of his intended victim and fled, but was later captured by a posse a few miles out of town.

He was brought back to town by the posse and after confessing his guilt, was hanged to a telegraph pole.

Young Man of Gaffney Drowned.

Gaffney special in Columbia State: Emmett Marsh, a well known young man of the city, was drowned in a pond near Gaffney.

His companions were incapable to render him assistance. He could not swim, having a plank to assist him. On losing this he was powerless to regain the bank. His body remained in

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is out for business and won't be found asleep when it comes to selling. They are going to push business, and it will be to the interest of every farmer in Lancaster county to make their establishment headquarters for

General Merchandise

"Quick sales and small profits" will be their motto, and "the same price to all" their rule of business. At present they are closing out the stock of goods purchased from Carnes Bros. Call at the corner store in the Moore block and get some of these bargains. You will always find a warm welcome. Messrs. Jno. A. Cook, J. A. P. Sistare and A. C. Carnes will take pleasure in waiting on you.

After September 1st

they will open in the Springs block in the store-room now occupied by Welsh & Co. a brand new stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Notions, Etc., continuing the grocery in their present quarters. Look for the big sign,

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CASH STORE.

the water something over an hour, a large number of men striving to recover it during that time.

The young man was 19 years of age and an orphan. For a number of years he had made his home with Mr. C. G. Parish, proprietor of the Commercial hotel. He acted as night clerk at that hostelry.

Georgian Killed While Investigating Noise at his Hen House.

Gainsville, Ga., Aug. 26.—Henry E. Cagle, of Glade district, Hall county, was shot in the stomach with a double-bar-

reled shotgun at an early hour this morning. The gun was loaded with buckshot and Cagle declared before he died this afternoon that Fred Hawkins, son of "Uncle" Jerry Hawkins, committed the crime.

Cagle and his wife went to investigate when a noise came from their hen house. He was fired upon twice, Mrs. Cagle standing by and holding a lamp. Hawkins was arrested to day and lodged in jail. He denies the ante-mortem statement of Cagle that it was he who fired the shots, declaring he can prove an alibi.

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